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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Rancho Cordova – Two Killed, Deputy in Stable Condition After Shooting

(U) A deputy is in stable condition after being shot twice in Rancho Cordova, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department said. Authorities said the suspect, a 29-year-old man, was shot and killed by law enforcement, and a woman was shot and killed by the suspect. The suspect's identity was not released, and it is unclear at this time if the suspect and woman knew each other.

SOURCE: 23 August 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

### (U) Santa Ana – Man Sentenced for Exploiting Immigrant Farmworkers by Charging Illegal Visa Fees

(U) Jorge Vasquez, 60, of Fontana, the owner of H-2A Placement Services, has been sentenced to serve 12-months in federal prison and pay \$135,389 in restitution after pleading guilty in June 2019 to one count of conspiracy and one count of aiding and abetting fraud in foreign labor contracting. As part of the scheme, Vasquez travelled to Mexico to recruit farmworkers, who were charged as much as \$3,000 to obtain their H-2A visas. In addition to illegally charging the foreign workers, Vasquez also made false promises to the workers about how long the visas would be valid and failed to tell the workers that they would be charged for housing, food and transportation.

SOURCE: 21 August 2020, [US DOJ](#)

## (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) California – US Border Patrol Checkpoint Inspection Seizes Weapons and Ammunition

(U) Salton City – An El Centro Sector US Border Patrol K-9 detection team alerted to a vehicle in the primary inspection lane at the Highway 86 Checkpoint. A search of the vehicle revealed a small cache of weapons consisting of two rifles, three semi-automatic handguns, one revolver, and an assortment of ammunition. Several other types of weapons were found in the vehicle including a hatchet, a collapsible steel baton, a stun gun, and a wooden bat. Agents inspected the firearms and discovered four of the weapons had no serial numbers and one weapon was reported stolen out of Huntington Beach. The driver, a 41-year-old US citizen man and passenger, a 42-year-old US citizen woman were placed under arrest.

SOURCE: 21 August 2020, [CBP](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Colombia – US Imposes Visa Restrictions on 14 Iranians For Human Rights Violations

(U) Washington – The US said it was imposing visa restrictions on 14 Iranian individuals for their involvement in "gross violations of human rights" regarding a 1990 assassination of an Iranian opposition figure in Switzerland. It did not disclose the names of the individuals. In a statement, State Department said it was also designating Hojatollah Khodaei Sour, who it said as director of Iran's Evin Prison ran an institution "synonymous with torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, or punishment."

SOURCE: 21 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

## UNCLASSIFIED

### **(U) Oregon – Federal Buildings Close Amid Threat Under Investigation by FBI**

(U) Portland – Federal buildings in Portland, including the Federal Bankruptcy Court and Mark O. Hatfield US Courthouse downtown, closed Friday amid a threat now under investigation by the FBI. The Bankruptcy Court cited a “threat of violence in the area” as the reason for its shutdown. Federal authorities received a threat that a vehicle filled with explosives would hit a federal building. It’s not clear if a specific building was named. The FBI said it was investigating the credibility of the threat and would notify the public if investigators develop further information.

SOURCE: 21 August 2020, [The Oregonian](#)

### **(U) Virginia – Former Army Special Forces Officer Charged in Russian Espionage Conspiracy**

(U) Gainesville – According to court documents, from December 1996 to January 2011, Peter Rafael Dzibinski Debbins, 45, a former member of the US Army, allegedly conspired with agents of a Russian intelligence service. Debbins allegedly provided the Russian intelligence agents with information that he obtained as a member of the US Army, including information about his chemical and Special Forces units. In 2008, after leaving active duty service, Debbins disclosed to the Russian intelligence agents classified information about his previous activities while deployed with the Special Forces. Debbins also provided the Russian intelligence agents with the names of, and information about, his former Special Forces team members so that the agents could evaluate whether to approach the team members to see if they would cooperate with Russian intelligence services.

SOURCE: 21 August 2020, [US DOJ](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Afghanistan – Bomb Kills Seven Civilians in Eastern Province, Afghan Official Says**

(U) Kabul – A roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan killed seven civilians, a provincial official said, the latest in relentless deadly violence in the country amid new uncertainties over the start of talks between the Taliban and the Kabul government. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing in Ghazni province's Jaghatu district. Three women, two children, and two men died when their vehicle struck the roadside bomb, said Wahidullah Jumazada, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

SOURCE: 23 August 2020, [ABC News](#)

#### **(U) Ireland – Petrol Bombs Thrown at Police Officers**

(U) Lurgan – Petrol bombs were thrown at officers after they were targeted during disturbances in the Levin Drive area of the Kilwilkie estate in Lurgan. A bomb alert in the area was earlier declared an elaborate hoax after what police called a “suspicious device” was examined by a British army bomb squad. Superintendent Wendy Middleton said: "Detectives from the PSNI Terrorism Investigation Unit conducted planned searches in the Lurgan area in relation to an ongoing investigation into violent dissident republican activity."

SOURCE: 23 August 2020, [The Irish News](#)

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